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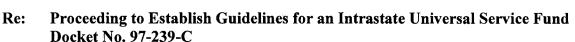
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Dear Mr. Walsh:

This letter is being filed on behalf of Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon") to respectfully request an extension of time in which to file tariffs associated with the Universal Service Fund. In Order No. 2001-996, the Commission adopted Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for the State Universal Service Fund ("Guidelines"). These Guidelines provide that an incumbent LEC receiving USF support may file tariff reductions to remove implicit subsidies and request additional USF support by April 1, of each year.

During the agenda session on March 25, 2003, the Commission made its decision on filings that were submitted in this docket last year by various companies, and an Order memorializing that decision is forthcoming. Verizon would like to review this Order prior to deciding whether and how to make any filings in this docket. Accordingly, Verizon requests that the deadline for filings in this docket this year be extended until June 1, 2003. This additional sixty days should provide enough time for Verizon to review the Commission's Order, as well as any Order on Reconsiderations that may be necessary before deciding whether and how to file tariffs in this docket.

Your consideration in this request is greatly appreciated. Please advise should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours

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State Director Government Affairs

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## **DOCKET NO. 97-239-C**

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